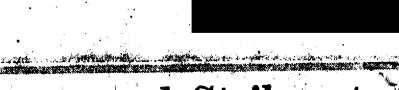
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THE Central Intelligence Agency—now accused of monstrous failure in Cuba -is, by deliberate design, the agency almost nobody knows.

It's a p'ace where the telephone is answered by number only, where waste paper is put into stapled bags marked secret, where the lie detector is a standard tool of hiring and firing.

It is housed in a new building in nearby-Langley, Va., hidden from view of the passing highways by huge bushes.

This is the central home of the Nation's spies-America's answer to Russian subversion.

No average citizen can gauge how effective the CIA may be, because only a few top officials know its full story.

ITS DIRECTOR, Allen W. Dulles, is one of the few officials who could write a Government check for a million dollars and not have to tell why.

In its 14-year history, the CIA has had some spectacular successes and some spectacular failures. As it happens, two

of the most speciacular fallures has come in the last year—the loss of the 11-2 spy plans over Russia and the dismal fathers at an attenue to topple Cuba Castro.

But responsible sources have credite the agency with successes, inc. Among

-Foreseeing the Hungarian revolt

-Predicting Russian satellites more

than a year before Sputnik.

—Alerting officials to the British French and Israeli attack on Egypt aild the Suez Canal in 1956.

THE CIA was founded in 1947 as the chlef advisory clup on intelligence to the President and the National Security ity Council.

Its assignment is to pull together all available intelligence information, to perform services of common concern to intelligence agencies and to do special, supersecret jobs for the NSC.

Existing intelligence set ups in the

Army, Navy, Air Force, State Depart-

ment and other departments were not abolished. They are still sital core in the intelligence network. The CIA simply sits at the top. It goes far beyond simply taking what it gots elsowhere, however. It has agents deployed around the world, assigned to dangerous jobs... Ipying, inflicating, seeking out Community in the secrets.

In addition, it maintains a large research organization designed to pull together information from news dis-patches, foreign radio broadcasts, tech-nical publications, interviews with travelers and scores of other sources.

THERE has been little discussion per-mitted of roles the CIA may be playing not normally associated with spying in the public mind. The Cuban situation s a case in point.

There is evidence that the CIA has been playing this kind of role for a long time. It has been fairly well documented that the CIA was behind the 1954 Guatemala revolution, which overthrew the Americas' first Communist regime.



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